

# 4th District Milwaukee County Supervisor

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Economic and Community Development Committee, Vice-Chair • Health and Human Needs Committee • Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Committee

#### Dear Neighbor,

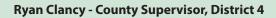
Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your County Board Supervisor for the 4th district. As a newly elected member I have learned so much from the past couple of months and it has truly been an honor. This year has brought many challenges that we have had to face as a community. Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases have been rising rapidly in Milwaukee County as well as throughout our state, and it's up to us to help combat the spread. Please, limit your exposure to people outside of your household, and wear a mask when contact is unavoidable. I encourage you to stay up to date on our Milwaukee County COVID-19 dashboard and resource page at county.milwaukee.gov/COVID-19.

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and County Executive's Office recently approved the budget for 2021. This year we focused on implementing the racial equity framework as a guide on addressing the root causes of racial inequalities within the policies and practices of our institution. Our vision is to become the healthiest county in the state by achieving racial equity. Thank you to everyone who attended the virtual budget town hall with Supervisor Jason Haas and me, and to each of you who reached our via phone, email or social media. It was a pleasure to learn more about the issues that matter to you. As your county board supervisor, I encourage you to continue to reach out to my office with any questions, comments or concerns at ryan.clancy@milwaukeecountywi.gov or (414) 278-4232.

As a county we have much more work to do in order to achieve our goals. I heard clearly that your priorities are human needs like parks, housing, economic development, transit and mental health. With your help, I'll continue to push to fund and support those vital services. We will continue to work towards a healthier county together!

I am honored to serve as your 4th District County Supervisor, and I hope you and your family have much to celebrate this season.

Sincerely,





Due to the unique circumstances this year, Supervisor Clancy was sworn in on his front porch with family members present by Milwaukee County Clerk George Christenson.

**Oath of Office** 

## **Fight for Justice**

I am proud to see so many of our neighbors join and support many of the protests and other civic engagements throughout the year. Black and Brown lives matter, and protesting is an essential part of a healthy democracy. Our nation and our county deserve true healing and real criminal justice transformation now. As your elected representative, I will always stand up for a fair and just society and I encourage and support others to do the same.





Supervisor Clancy volunteering as a legal observer at a peaceful protest in Silver City.



#### **The 2021 Milwaukee County Budget**

Fall is budget season, and every Milwaukee County budget starts with listening to our constituents.

I held a virtual online listening session on October 19th, and the Board of Supervisors also held its annual public hearing on the 2021 County budget on October 30.

Milwaukee County, again this year, also used the "Balancing Act Tool" to solicit feedback from the public on how to close the estimated \$42 million budget gap that we were facing. The budget gap arises every year because of a structural deficit, or a built-in gap between the revenue available to the county and the inflation in costs to provide the same services and programming. Finding a permanent solution to the structural deficit is a top priority.

Over the past 10 years, Milwaukee County has cut an average of \$30 million a year each year in order to balance the budget. The initial estimate of the 2021 gap was about \$42 million but it was ultimately closer to \$35 million. (This number will continue to increase every year.) One-time emergency federal funding from the CARES Act was a tremendous help in filling in the gap this year. The Board's Finance Committee held several open meetings on the 2021 budget throughout October and early November, where they listened to budget requests from County departments and division leaders and considered budget amendments from Supervisors.

In that data from the Balancing Act Tool, in those public forums, and in many calls, emails and one-on-one conversations, we heard a clear pattern emerge: the residents of Milwaukee County want to protect the essential and human services that they value and depend on. Even in the face of a sizable budget gap, Milwaukee County residents were clear: they want more money, not less, to go to our parks, housing, economic development and mental health. And you were clear about where it should come from: over 70% of residents who weighed in wanted funds to come from the Sheriff's Department, rather than 25% who wanted us to take on additional debt for our next budget. Nearly 100% of the many people who spoke to this issue in listening sessions were in favor of reducing the Sheriff's Department.

With that feedback in mind, I authored a package of amendments which would move money away from the Sheriff's overtime budget and discretionary policing and to invest it in our parks, senior centers, the children in our care, community health and economy – and in providing emergency and longer-term housing for our neighbors facing homelessness.

Those amendments were defeated. An alternate package of amendments passed instead, which added \$150,000 to the recommended Sheriff's Budget. Although it did provide some welcome relief in some areas of human needs, and did take some important steps towards the plan for achieving racial equity and improving the health of all Milwaukee County residents, it funded those initiatives with debt rather than by making choices which reflect the priorities expressed by the public. Next year's budget process, potentially without similar CARES Act funding, may be even more dire, and is likely to result in even more significant defunding of the parks and human needs than what we've already experienced. As a result, I voted against the overall budget, which ultimately passed on a 14-4 vote on November 9th.

I authored several amendments which were included in the budget. Some were around accountability, including a requirement that departments report to the County Board if they are projected to exceed their overtime budgets by 100% or 1 million dollars; another amendment directs our lawyers to provide an annual report, which we can review when we analyze the budget, detailing how much each department costs taxpayers in legal settlements, verdicts and liability insurance costs, which are not included in departmental budgets. Perhaps most importantly, one amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services Housing Division to analyze the costs and benefits of a "Right to Counsel" pilot program in which individuals and families in Milwaukee County would be provided free access to a lawyer when facing eviction and foreclosure.

As my colleagues and I continue to make strides towards our shared goals of achieving racial equity and serving our most vulnerable neighbors, we welcome your continued feedback, and I invite you to engage with us throughout the year. I'll endeavor to keep turning your priorities into action.



Milwaukee County employees doing outreach to folks without permanent housing.

## **Right to Shelter for County Residents**

Milwaukee County's commitment to ending homelessness is something we can all be proud of, but we must reaffirm this commitment with resources. The Coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated housing insecurity and we have the responsibility to support our neighbors in need. Supervisor Clancy's 'Right to Shelter' resolution aims to "ensure all have access to a warm bed to sleep in by providing additional beds if and when the demand for beds exceeds the capacity of existing facilities" and creates two second-shift positions in the Department of Health and Human Service's Housing Division, the cost of which will be offset for two years by funds from an Emergency Solutions Grant from the City of Milwaukee. Its intent is to form the basis for future funding and actions from the County Board.

### 2020 Legislative Items Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by Supervisor Clancy

- 20-379 A resolution calling upon the United States Congress to appropriate monies in direct federal aid specifically to state and local governments as a replacement for tax revenues lost due to the SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 Pandemic
- Wisconsin policymakers to implement a statewide facemask policy to mitigate the spread and hasten the end of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 20-576 A resolution calling upon the State of Wisconsin and all Wisconsin counties to make positive policy

20-287 - A resolution to modify the Departments to adopt the Wisconfor contract agency employees which Rehabilitation appeals review pro Against Children as a barrable officthe Milwaukee County Mental Heat

- 20-285 A resolution calling upon Enforcement Act of 1994 (1994 Created the People's Justice Guarantee.
- 20-434 A resolution supporting transportation network company County Board Meeting: Referred
- 20-402 A resolution waiving in pursuant to 2019 Wisconsin Act used at least 25% of the propert CoV-2/COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 20-464 A resolution condemning the dismantling of institutional a County Sheriff's Office, Departmentarial equity.
- 20-528 A resolution mandating Milwaukee County Transit System
- 20-527 A resolution proposing to police officers on the basis of ra a person; proposing additional gu of unconscious racial bias, and pro "living while Black" racially-moti

20-536 - A resolution stating opp.
 compliance from individuals when physical force is required and stating personnel should use de-escalatio techniques first whenever possible; and requesting the Civil Service Commission prohibit chokeholds and asphyxia in Rule VII, Section 4 of the Civil Service Rules for the Milwaukee County Government.

• 20-571 - A resolution supporting municipal public health facemask ordinances and calling upon State of

Of the more than 50 resolutions, amendments and ordinances that Supervisor Clancy has authored or co-sponsored, here are some of the highlights.



- A resolution mandating the use of facemasks or face coverings by all passengers and operators on Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) buses and other county properties to mitigate the spread and infection rate of COVID-19.
- A resolution banning chokeholds and carotid holds



 A resolution declaring a "Right to Shelter" for all Milwaukee County residents - See bottom of reverse page for more info.

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offset the cost for two years

20-763 - A resolution recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, encouraging support of
domestic violence prevention measures throughout Milwaukee County, and requesting the implementation of a
Purple Alert system in the state of Wisconsin.

## **District Capital Improvement Projects**

**South Shore Breakwater:** The South Shore Breakwater serves as a near-shore structure that protects the shoreline and coastal assets along Cupertino, South Shore, and Bay View Parks.

**Scope:** Phase 1 will complete the planning and design for reconstruction of the northerly section of the South Shore Breakwater that provides protection to Cupertino Park, South Shore Yacht Club and South Shore Park. Reconstruction of the northerly segment will consist of reconfiguring the existing stone to create space to set new appropriately sized stone on top of the existing stone. The larger stone will be sufficient to handle the forces applied from storms as well stabilizing the smaller stones by holding them in place. Phase 2 of the South Shore Breakwater repair will address the south section of the breakwater located off the shoreline of Bay View Park. A similar approach will be considered for the south section repairs. An alternative approach

for the south section will consider dismantling the south section of the breakwater and relocating the salvaged stone to construct an on-shore stone revetment to better protect the Bay View bluffs from continued erosion.



The South Shore breakwater faces immense natural forces from Lake Michigan, such as during this winter storm in January 2020.



IMPACT 2-1-1 is a central access point for people in need. During times of personal crisis or community disaster, the free, confidential helpline and online resource directory make it easy for residents to get connected to information and assistance. **Simply dial 2-1-1**. If you want detailed information please go to: **www.impactinc.org/impact-2-1-1**.

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#### **Energy Assistance is Available**

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, qualified Milwaukee County residents can receive a one-time annual payment\* to make your heating and electric bills more affordable!



#### 1. See if you qualify.

Go to **KeepWarmMKE.org** to check income guidelines and see if you qualify. 175,000 county residents will. You may also qualify for services like furnace repair, weatherization and crisis benefits.

- 2. Make an appointment or complete your application online.
  - Apply October 1 May 15.
  - Visit KeepWarmMKE.org or
  - Call 270-4MKE (4653). Dial 211 for after-hours help.

#### 3. Due to COVID-19, all appointments are conducted by phone.

A team member will call you at your scheduled appointment time to process your application.

\*Funding covers a portion of energy costs; it is not intended to pay your entire energy bill. How much funding you receive depends on several factors, including your income, size of your home or apartment, and energy costs. (In most cases, the annual Energy Assistance monetary benefit will be paid directly to your energy supplier.)



For legislative files, agendas, minutes and schedules for all Milwaukee County committee and board meetings, please visit the County Legislative Information Center at:

county.milwaukee.gov/CLIC

# Service Guide for 4th District Milwaukee County Residents

4th District Milwaukee County Supervisor Ryan Clancy	. 278-4232
Airports Mitchell International Airport Timmerman Airport	
Child Support Enforcement	. 615-2593
Clerk of Circuit Court	. 278-5362
County Clerk	. 278-4067
County Executive	. 278-4211
County Treasurer	. 278-4033
Courts Civil Division (small & large claims) Criminal Division Children's Court	. 278-4538
Department on Aging	. 289-6874
Department of Health and Human Services	. 289-6877
District Attorney's Office	. 278-4646
Election Commission	. 278-4060
Emergency/Public Safety Sheriff (non-emergency)	

Burn Center Hotline (24 hours)	. 272-2876
Emergency Management (24 hours)	. 257-4709
Suicide Prevention/Intervention	
Mental Health Crisis	. 257-7222
Fraud Hotline	.93-FRAUD
House of Correction	. 427-4700
Jury Services	
General Information	. 278-4469
Reserve Juror Message	. 985-6000
Marcus Center for the Performing Arts	273-7121
Marriage Licenses/Passports/Fishing Lic	. 278-4067
Medical Examiner	. 223-1200
Mental Health Complex	
General Information	. 257-6995
Admitting (Emergency)	. 257-7260
Milwaukee Art Museum	. 224-3200
Milwaukee County Historical Society	. 273-8288
Milwaukee County Parks	
Boerner Botanical Gardens	. 525-5600
General Information	. 257-7275
Parks Hotline	. 257-5100
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District 4 Parks         Baran Park (2600 S. Chase Ave.)       647-0548         South Shore Park (2900 S. Shore Dr.)       482-4270         Cupertino Park (2000 E. Iron St.)       482-4270         Pulaski Park (2677 S. 16 St.)       643-0120
<b>Milwaukee County Zoo</b>
Milwaukee County Sports Complex 281-2694
Milwaukee Public Museum 278-2702
Municipality Milwaukee City Hall/Common Council
Office of Persons with Disabilities 278-3932
Register in Probate278-4444
<b>Register of Deeds</b>
<b>Rent Assistance</b>
Transit System344-6711Bus Routes/Schedules/Fares347-3218Transit Plus343-1700
<b>UW-Extension</b>
Veterans Services
Victim/Witness Service278-4667